

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figure 3. This sheet, which includes Figs 3-4, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 3-4. In Figure 3, numeral 58 and the lead lines have been deleted.

Attachment:      Replacement Sheet  
                         Annotated Sheet

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application in light of the above amendments and following comments is courteously solicited.

This amendment supplements Applicant's amendment filed November 30, 2005.

Initially the undersigned would like to thank Examiner Bui for the courtesies extended during an oral hearing held with the undersigned on December 5, 2005. During the above noted oral hearing, the outstanding action was discussed in detail and it was agreed after a demonstration made by Applicants at the above noted oral hearing that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph would be withdrawn.

Applicant by the instant amendment has amended independent claim 12 so as to set forth with specificity the gap formed in the receptacle of the present invention. Specifically, claim 20 now recites that the gap has a closed bottom which is formed by the first and second bent over end portions. Examiner Bui at the above noted oral hearing agreed that claim 20 as amended removed the Ketler reference as prior art. In addition, it was agreed that claim 20 as amended complied with the formal requirements of 35 U.S.C. 112, first and second paragraphs.

In light of the foregoing amendments, it is submitted that all of the claims as pending patentably define over the art of record and an early indication of same is respectfully requested.

Applicant submits concurrently herewith for the examiner's approval a replacement sheet wherein Figure 3 has been amended as agreed to at the above noted oral hearing.

In light of the foregoing, the early issuance of a notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

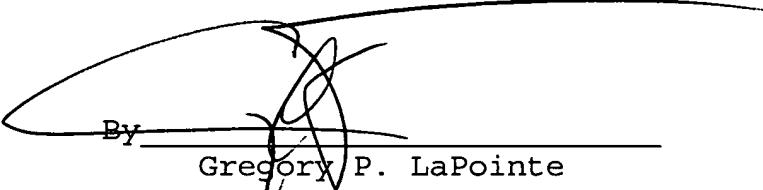
An earnest and thorough attempt has been made by the undersigned to resolve the outstanding issues in this case and

place same in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or feels that a telephone or personal interview would be helpful in resolving any outstanding issues which remain in this application after consideration of this amendment, the Examiner is courteously invited to telephone the undersigned and the same would be gratefully appreciated.

It is submitted that the claims as amended herein patentably define over the art relied on by the Examiner and early allowance of same is courteously solicited.

If any fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

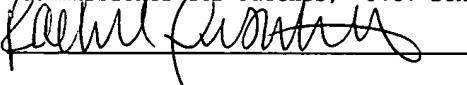
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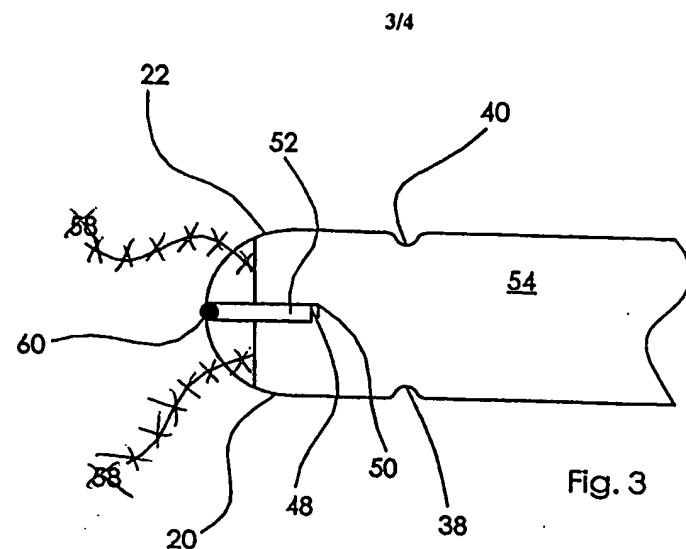


Fig. 3

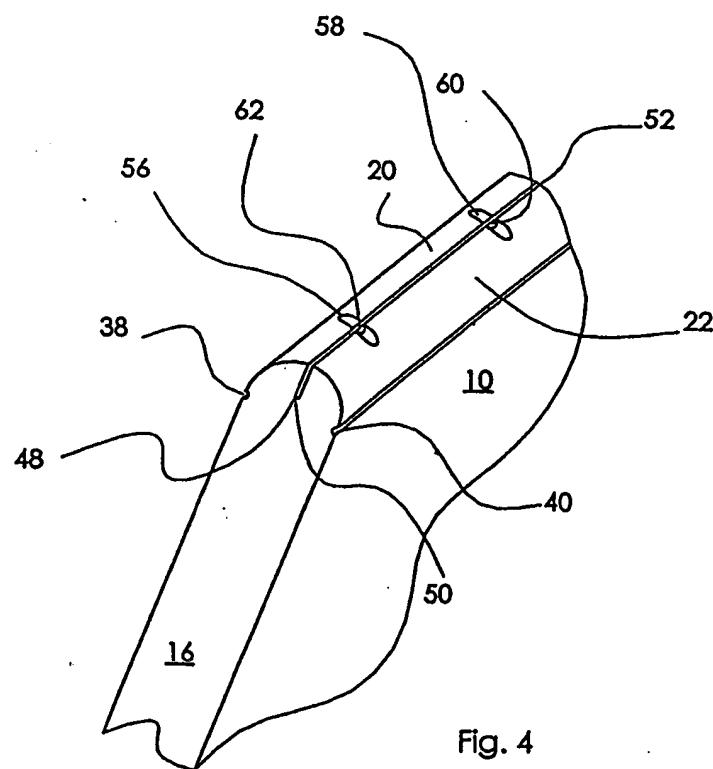


Fig. 4